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SUBJECT: POTENTIAL UNFDAC PROJECTS

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1. DURING RECENT DOGOLOFF TEAM VISIT TO OSLO, GON OFFICIALS
EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT UNFDAC STAFF MAY NOT BE PREPARED
TO IDENTIFY A RANGE OF POSSIBLE DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE
PROJECTS RELATED TO NARCOTICS CONTROL FOR REVIEW AND
SELECTION BY A POTENTIAL DONOR. ACCORDING TO GON OFFI-
CIALS, THEY HAD BEEN AND WERE CONTINUING TO WORK HARD
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IN ENCOURAGING OTHER GOVERNMENTS TO CONTRIBUTE SIZEABLE
FUNDS TO UNFDAC BUT GON WAS NOT CONVINCED THAT UNFDAC
COULD RESPOND QUICKLY TO A REQUEST FOR SUGGESTIONS AS
TO WHERE BEST TO SPEND THOSE FUNDS. SPECIFICALLY, GON
BELIEVED THAT, IF SWEDEN AND/OR DENMARK OR SOME OTHER
GOVERNMENT DID DECIDE TO MAKE A SUBSTANTIAL CONTRIBUTION
TO UNFDAC, THE DONOR GOVERNMENT MIGHT WELL WISH TO EAR-

MARK THAT MONEY FOR A SPECIFIC, IDENTIFIABLE PROJECT AS THE NORWEGIANS HAD DONE IN BURMA. TO MEET THIS CONTINGENCY, GON OFFICIALS BELIEVE UNFDAC SHOULD HAVE A BATCH OF PROPOSED PROJECTS, WELL THOUGHT OUT, THAT IT COULD DISCUSS PROMPTLY WITH DONORS THAT WISHED TO EARMARK FUNDS. THEY BELIEVED THAT FOR UNFDAC TO BE LAGGARD IN THIS

REGARD WOULD NEGATE ALL THEIR HARD WORK.

2. DOGOLOFF TEAM AGREED THERE WERE PROBLEMS IN THE PAST BUT EXPRESSED HOPE THAT NEW LEADERSHIP COULD VITALIZE UNFDAC.

3. COMMENT: DOGOLOFF TEAM FOUND CREDIBILITY OF UNFDAC AS A REPOSITORY OF EXPERTISE WAS A PERSISTENT PROBLEM IN BONN, OSLO, AND THE HAGUE. GON OFFICIALS, FOR EXAMPLE, WERE NOT CONVINCED THAT THEIR OWN ENERGY AND INITIATIVE IN INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS COOPERATION WERE MATCHED BY COMPETENCE AND IMAGINATION IN THE UNFDAC STAFF. FYI: ACCORDING TO GON FOMIN OFFICIALS, KEY FACTOR IN THEIR DECISION TO CONTRIBUTE FUNDS TO UNFDAC EARMARKED FOR THE BURMA PROJECT WAS THEIR CONVICTION THAT ONE UNFDAC OFFICIAL EMBLATT (SWEDE) WAS A CAPABLE, KNOWLEDGEABLE EXPERT, WHOSE RECOMMENDATIONS COULD BE RELIED ON.

4. AT ITS DISCRETION, MISSION MAY WISH TO DISCUSS THIS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CONCERN WITH APPROPRIATE UNFDAC OFFICIALS. MISSION COMMENTS ARE INVITED. VANCE

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